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Mutual admiration society

ONE OF THE most interesting phenomena to result from recent Middle East developments is the extraordinary relationship that has developed, and will continue to develop, between the United States and Egypt--and particularly between Presidents Carter and Sadat.

No one can deny a regime the right to choose its friends, or to seek help from any quarter in pursuit of its national interests. Nor is it particularly peculiar that the U.S. should seek to build the kind of relationship with an Arab state that is building with Mr. Sadat's Egypt.

But in exercising its right to look for a new friend, Mr. Sadat has alienated his own family. And in embracing Egypt as a diplomatic ally, an economic partner, an aid recipient and a military client, President Carter has thrown the enormous weight of his country behind a leader whose political survival is threatened because of that very affair.

American spokesmen give President Sadat full credit for bringing the Middle East to today's perilous position. "He cast his lot for peace with Israel and for close relations with the United States and the West," they say. "He stuck with it, never wavering or turning back."

The fact that, in order to "stick with it," Mr. Sadat had to remove his country from the great Arab struggle and flout the sacred principles for which that struggle is waged, and did so in order to secure short-term advantages for himself, however well-intentioned they may seem to him, does not seem to occur to American thinkers. And the fact that such advantages have been secured only at the expense of acceding to Israel the privilege of proceeding with measures aimed at guaranteeing that Arab demands for immediate withdrawal from the occupied territories, and for recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people are submerged forever, does not seem to have occurred to Mr. Sadat.

The Egyptian leader wants full credit for all this to go to Mr. Carter. "He did all the work," he says. For Sadat, as one commentator has put it, "peace with Israel is a step to closer friendship with the United States."

We fail to see what the U.S. expects to gain when this "peace with Israel" is also calculated--if our impressions of the present treaty formulations are correct--to bring the Middle East a step closer to another war, by striving to see to it that the Arabs are and remain divided, by giving Israel carte blanche to continue to expand settlements and tighten its grip on the native inhabitants of the occupied territories, while at the same time making the grand concession of pulling out of Sinai--all this while collecting millions of dollars from the U.S., with which to fortify the garrison state.

So Mr. Sadat's friendship with Mr. Carter can only be attained at the cost of deserting his Arab brethren, and seeing to it, into the bargain, that the threat from which he is rescued is transferred to us. Theirs is thus a mutual admiration society in which membership is severely restricted.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I SATURDAY SAYS that it is not enough for the prospective Arab Foreign Ministers conference to discuss and implement sanctions against Egypt which will soon be signing a separate peace treaty with Israel. The Arab foreign ministers, the paper continues, will find it easy to implement the resolutions already agreed to at the Baghdad summit. Yet this should not exempt them from the responsibility of examining the dangers posed by the new tripartite coalition (Egypt, Israel and the U.S.) and mobilising Arab resources to counter those dangers.

Egypt has walked out on the Arabs, who must now face up to possible future eventualities that will include pressure on them to accept solutions patterned on the Camp David agreements. The paper finally asks if it is possible for the Arabs to build up their own military strength, as the Baghdad summit originally decided, to the point where it can provide sufficient protection for them and forstall the liquidation of the Palestinian cause.

AL DUSTOUR urges President Sadat to put the peace treaty before the Egyptian Peoples' Assembly before proceeding to Washington to sign a separate accord with Israel. It is true, the paper says, that the Assembly includes representatives who approve of Sadat's policies; yet there are voices which oppose him and it is their right to express their objections to what Sadat is doing.

The Egyptian people should be consulted on the issue of the treaty because they are the ones who will eventually pay the price for the treaty their president will sign. The Americans, the paper continues, will notice that the Israeli prime minister arrives in Washington carrying the endorsement of the Israeli parliament for him to sign the treaty, while Sadat does not carry such authority. The attitude of Sadat does not befit to dignity and pride of the Egyptian people. Bringing the whole issue before the Egyptian people would give credibility to President Sadat's stated respect for the principles of democracy.

Ziad Mango

Chairman and Managing Director of the Development Office Company Limited and all members of his staff extend their condolences to the Mitsubishi Corporation on the death of their Regional General Manager for the Middle East Region.

Juji Takagi

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Construction to begin soon

on new airport highway

By Alan Martiny

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 17—Construction of a four-lane

divided highway from Amman to the new Queen Alia International Airport is expected to start in about two months. The Ministry of Public Works has received bids

National News Roundup...

Work underway on new polytechnic

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—Work is already underway on the construction of a new polytechnic institute in the city of Husn in northern Jordan. Director of projects at the Ministry of Education Abdil Latif Arabyi said here today. The new institute, expected to open at the start of the 1980/81 scholastic year, is estimated to cost JD 1.5 million, he said. According to Mr. Arabyi, the Ministry has already dispatched a number of Jordanians to foreign countries to obtain the necessary qualifications to teach at the institute. Subjects to be taught at the institute, he said, include electricity, electronics and technologies needed for the food and textile industries.

Cooperatives director meets W. German delegation

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—Director General of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation Hassan Nabulsi today discussed with a visiting delegation from a West German cooperative organisation bilateral cooperation in promoting the activities of Jordanian cooperative societies. In outlining the development of Jordanian cooperatives, Mr. Nabulsi explained their role in the implementation of Jordanian economic projects and in social development. He said West German cooperative organisations can help in training Jordanians in this field and share their expertise and experience to the benefit of Jordanian cooperative societies.

Survey of desert castles to be carried out

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—A general archaeological survey of the Umayyad castles in the Jordanian desert is to be carried out next July in cooperation with a team from the American University of Cairo, a spokesman for the Department of Antiquities announced here today. The survey aims at defining the extent of restoration and maintenance work needed on such castles as Qasr Al Hallabat, Harraneh, Toubah and Hammam Al Sarkh, he said. He added that the department has started restoration work at Al Karak Crusader Citadel in southern Jordan.

Five royal decrees ratify new laws

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—A royal decree has been issued ratifying the amended civil service law. The new law provides for giving non-classified or temporary employees a 30-day annual leave if their basic monthly salary is JD 55 or more; 21 days if their basic monthly salary falls between JD 22 and 54; and 15 days for employees with salaries lower than the above mentioned.

Another royal decree ratified the law governing comprehensive examination for doctors' licensing. The purpose of the new law is to test the capability of new doctors.

A third decree ratified the law governing classification of the employees of the Public Administration Institute. This new law defines the degrees and pay rates of the institute's employees. A fourth decree ratified the amended law concerning the Jordan Hotels and Restaurants Corporation. The fifth Royal decree ratified the law governing the authority of the Yarmouk University Board of Trustees, which empowers the trustees to draw up the University's general policy.

Symposium held on information documentation and exchange in Arab world

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—A week-long symposium on the documentation of scientific information and the exchange of administrative data opened here today. Participants in the symposium, which is organised by the Arab Organisation for Administrative Science in cooperation with the Public Administration Institute, will be studying the setting up of an administrative information network that would unify indexing and documentation systems in the Arab world. Taking part are delegates from 12 Arab states. The Jordanian team includes representatives of the Civil Service Commission, the Public Administration Institute, the Ministry of Education and the Department of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives.

Zakat Fund distributes JD 2500 to 120 families

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)—The Zakat Fund has distributed JD 2500 to 120 needy families around the country in commemoration of Prophet Mohammad's birth (celebrated last month), a statement for the fund said here today. The statement appealed to citizens to make further contribution to the fund so that it can offer assistance to other poor families in the country.

Madaba to conduct gas station safety checks

MADABA, March 17 (JNA)—The District Attorney of Madaba disclosed yesterday that a committee has been set up in order to check on all gas filling stations in the town and the neighbouring villages. The purpose of the inspection is to make sure that all filling stations apply the safety measures necessary to prevent hazards such as fires and explosions. The committee will also have on its inspection list bottled gas distributors and stores dealing with plastic products.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

French Film Festival

The French Cultural Centre presents a film festival at the Rainbow Cinema at 8:30 p.m. Tonight's film is Gerard Pires' "L'ordinaire des pompes funèbres." On Monday, the film is "La communion solennelle" by Rene Feret. Tickets are available at the Centre.

NOTEBOOK

Not 'bye-bye', but 'au revoir'

By Rami G. Khouri

IT IS DIFFICULT, if not biologically impossible, to refrain from regurgitating the statement by U.S. national security affairs adviser, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski in which he said "bye-bye PLO," as Dr. Brzezinski flies into Jordan less than 24 hours after the head of the PLO, Mr. Yasser Arafat, has been here for official talks with the Jordanian leadership.

It is not helpful to anyone to dwell too much on what Dr. Brzezinski did or did not say about the PLO, because the matters that concern us, today are far greater in scope than the dimensions of one organisation or the statements of one human being.

What is more important is for Dr. Brzezinski to understand that while he is in the Middle East this week, with all the grace of a geopolitical buffoon, he is persevering in a policy that can only paralyse the West's natural allies in the Arab World in the short run, and turn them against the United States in the long run.

Trying to sell the Camp David accords to the Arabs is going to push the Arabs into the first post-World War II political consensus in the Middle East that has ever been based on the recognisable short-term and long-term real national interests of the Arab people. It is ironic that it has required such a massive degree of American insensitivity and political confusion to accelerate a closing-of-ranks within the Arab World.

But if the Americans have not yet understood that their approach to Mideast peace-making is not acceptable to any Arab state except Egypt, they are doomed to pushing the rest of the Arabs into a corner from where their only exit will be over the dead body of American interests. It is impossible for the Arabs to accept the Camp David accords in their present form, and it is naive for Dr. Brzezinski to think that he can fly into the area and convince reasonable and rational people, such as the Jordanian and Saudi Arabian leaders to lend their support to the Camp David approach.

The pressures that will emanate from the Camp David approach, and from the expected signing of a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, will allow the so-called "moderate" Arabs, such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan, no option but to stay even more firmly committed to the Arab consensus for a negotiated solution with Israel.

The reference towards so-called Arab "moderates" and "radicals" is nothing more than a linguistic reflection of the West's near total mis-understanding of the Arab World. There are no such things as radical or moderate Arabs. There are only Arab states that are willing to negotiate a comprehensive peace settlement with Israel based on what is still the only meaningful framework for peace—an Arab recognition of Israeli statehood in return for an Israeli recognition of Palestinian national rights to self-determination, which may or may not lead to Palestinian statehood. To obscure this fundamental Arab consensus under the titles of moderates and radicals is to display one's ignorance of the Middle East. Another way to display ignorance is to go around saying bye-bye to political organisations that represent the most sophisticated political expression of the single most important structural development on the Arab side in the past 12 years—the rise of the Palestinian national movement. A third way to display one's accumulated ignorance is to fly into the Middle East with lots of generals in tow trying to nudge or otherwise convince key Arab states to lend their support to the only political initiative in recent memory that has been able to forge a public

anti-American consensus among all the states except Egypt.

The United States is trying to help resolve Middle East conflict without appreciating political realities of the Middle East, as it is to make peace among the Arabs and the walking along the tightrope of domestic political constraints and trampling over Arab political constraints.

Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and who is on Dr. Brzezinski's agenda this week are sovereign states that are part of the Arab World. Their strength lies in their organic ties to nation that is collectively greater than it and their ability to serve the nation-wide aspirations of their people to socio-economic development lies first and foremost in sustaining and intensifying that consensus negotiated comprehensive settlement in the Middle East that is based on a collective in diverse resources of the Arab World, the United States is proposing, on splitting the Arab World into an assortment of fiefdoms playing the roles of regional policemen, policemen, energy providers, vegetable and autonomy organisers, all in their ways plugged into the materialistic reign of an American civilisation that appears an economic capacity to play baseball night more than a moral capacity to help a peace agreement based on the principle of true national self-determination within the Arab World.

The concept of autonomy as contained in Camp David frameworks is a laughing stock, best, and a profound insult and an aggression at worst. It is doubly more so to see the United States now scurrying around to force-feed this folly to Arab states which are seen in the West as amenable to joining a process that states, in all their reasonableness and fulness, have judged to be politically and materially untenable and materially untenable.

It is too late to argue again about the merits of Camp David, because Camp David was rejected in the Arab World, and it is the West, not Egypt, with which Israel is at peace. Dr. Brzezinski, when he said "PLO," totally missed the significance of it as a symbol of the Palestinian people's national self-determination, just as he the inability of an "autonomy" plan to be self-determination.

If the United States wants to help bring the Middle East, it must start with the fact that all the people of the Middle East are insulted, no, the peace-making process. Brzezinski's flying show this week, once again that after-the-fact consultation upon American political timetable's a political constraints may create a euphoria in the United States and Israel only generate an increasingly justified, anti-American feeling in the rest of the East Asian states to which the United States wants to bring peace.

The contradictions of what the United States is doing are so grotesque that one is tempted to say such simplistic things as "bye-bye Zbig," hope that the nightmares of the moment disappear, which, of course, they.

The root causes of nightmarish phenomena tackled directly and resolved, instead shoved into the sand and sugar-coated concepts such as "autonomy."

I've yet to hear any sane people cry,

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Jordan Times
reporter

March 17 (J.T.)--The negotiations in Vienna between the United Nations Works Agency for Palestine refugees and employees with the agency's \$4 million available for adjustments to its budget, according to an Israeli delegation released yesterday. The United Nations, except Egypt, has not all political issues have been resolved by walking along the political line. The employee union attended one-day talks with Dr. Bader, who was not restored. Their strength being insufficient. "We got and their ability to complete failure, development," he told Reuters. He said that the negotiations should be resumed in six to eight weeks after completion.

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Princess Basma opens Red Crescent Hospital Ward



Her Highness Princess Basma inaugurates the new ward at the Red Crescent Hospital in Amman Saturday. The inauguration ceremony was attended by members of the Red Crescent Society, the director and doctors of the hospital, and the chairman of the Norwegian Red Cross Society and its secretary general.

U.N. delegation discusses ways of meeting refugee needs

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)--The Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development, Abdul Rahim Jarrah, discussed here today with a visiting delegation representing U.N. development agencies ways of improving conditions of Palestinian refugees. Discussions centred on different services offered to refugees on both banks of Jordan by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and up-grading the UNESCO-sponsored certification offered by the In-Service Teachers Training Institute in Amman. Talks also dealt with improving living quarters and school buildings of refugees in the occupied Arab territories. Mr. Jarrah briefed the visiting delegation on the government's efforts to relieve refugees and displaced Palestinians. The U.N. delegation is currently touring Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees to make a general assessment of the refugees' needs.

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)--A Czechoslovak economic delegation arrived here yesterday at the invitation of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce. The delegation called on the Minister of Industry and Commerce today to discuss ways of increasing the volume of trade between Jordan and Czechoslovakia and launching of joint industrial ventures.

Central Bank governor
back from Uganda

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)--Governor of the Central Bank Muhammad Sabid Nabulsi and director of research at the Central Bank Adnan Al Hindi returned here from Uganda today where they had been attending a conference of governors of central banks of Islamic states. At the three-day conference, which ended on March 13, trade promotion and tariffs between Islamic

states were discussed as well as the question of Islamic states giving one another favoured nation status. A multi-lateral treaty for financing exports by Islamic states was another important topic of discussion at the Kampala conference, which was attended by delegates from 21 Islamic states. The delegates recommended the establishment of financial institutions which operate within the principles of Islamic law.

Finance minister returns
from Kampala

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)--Minister of Finance Muhammad Dahbas returned here today from Uganda, where he attended a three-day conference of governors of the Islamic Development Bank. At the conference, which ended yesterday in Kampala, the Bank's third annual report and the existing cooperation agreement with the International Development Agency were reviewed.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	249.00/301.00
U.K. sterling	607.00/611.00
West German mark	160.30/161.30
Swiss franc	177.60/178.70
French franc	69.70/70.10
Italian lire	35.50/35.70
(for every 100)	
Japanese yen	144.10/145.00
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Jordan to put Jerusalem issue before Arab League

CAIRO, March 17 (JNA)--The Arab League Secretariat today received a Jordanian memo requesting that the proposed Israeli draft law demanding that foreign embassies be transferred to Jerusalem be placed on the agenda of the Arab League Council's session to be held in the Somali capital on March 24.

According to the Jordanian memo, the Israeli draft law, approved by all blocs of the present Israeli coalition government demands that all embassies be transferred from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Jordan's ambassador in Cairo, Zuhqan Al Hindawi, said Jordan wants the subject to be discussed

fully at the forthcoming session and that Arab plans to counter this move be worked out.

Mr. Al Hindawi, who is also Jordan's permanent representative at the Arab League, said a great number of nations have not recognised Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and have not transferred their embassies there in support of Arab rights and in response to U.N. resolutions.

This council agenda also includes a number of other subjects the foremost of which are the current Arab situation, the international situation and the working out of an Arab strategy for the next phase in Middle East development.

King sends messages to 3 Gulf states

AMMAN, March 17 (JNA)--King Hussein left here today for the Gulf states of Oman, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar with messages to their leaders from His Majesty King Hussein, officials said here tonight.

The messages dealt with the possible coordination of the Arab position in the face of the recent Middle East developments and within the context of Arab solidarity, they added.

A similar message was yesterday delivered to King Khalid Ibn Abdal Aziz of Saudi Arabia by the Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdal Hamid Sharaf.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 2,465	6,960	6,970	6,960	6,960
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	1,327	14,750	14,800	14,750
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	2,168	2,150	2,170	2,160
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	3,587	—	1,700	1,600
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	1,470	1,040	1,060	1,050
Dar Al-Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	3,510	—	2,340	2,340
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	843	1,350	1,380	1,350
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	910	0,910	0,920	0,910
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	1,363	0,940	0,960	0,940
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	225	—	—	1,050
Al Ezzahar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	650	1,250	—	1,300
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	1,316	6,590	6,600	6,580
Jordan Spinning and Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	71	0,700	0,750	0,710

Total volume traded, Saturday, March 17: JD 20,205

Total number of shares traded: 10,965

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
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Historical sources harboured in institute

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS -- It's a compact grey cement structure off fashionable Abou Rummaneh Street, but to Islamic scholars the world over, the three-storey building is their home in Damascus.

The entrance is marked by a simple brass plaque that reads:

"Université de Paris
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D'Etudes Arabes de Damas"

The French Institute, as English-speaking Damascenes refer to it, was established as a scholarly-scientific institution in Damascus in 1922 at the Azzem Palace. After 1945, it was housed in a school and it has operated from its present location since 1961.

The Damascus French Institute is recognized worldwide for its library of 40,000 books dealing with Islamic history, Arabic languages,

history and mythology -- all are 20th century editions.

On the other hand, in Beirut, the French Institute Library chiefly contains archaeological publications dealing with excavations and sites of the Middle East prior to the Arab conquest.

"You might say our library picks up where the Beirut library stops," explained Thierry Bianquis, director of the Damascus French Institute since 1975. "Our sister institute in Cairo concentrates on another phase of Middle Eastern studies in that its library contains 19th-20th century volumes on Egyptology, Coptic and Arabic studies."

The library is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. daily except Sunday. "We exchange with libraries in some 40 countries and receive more than 350 periodicals annually in exchange for our annual bulletin," said Mr. Bianquis who is

working on a doctoral dissertation dealing with the history of Fatimid Syria and Egypt.

In addition to maintaining an extensive library for the public, the French Institute publishes scholarly works.

"Each year, we publish 'Bulletin-D'Etudes Orientales,' a journal dedicated to contemporary and historical problems," Mr. Bianquis said. "We also publish one or two books a year which are either ancient Arabic manuscripts reprinted (in Arabic) for the first time in centuries, translations of Arabic classics into French or archaeological, literary and historical studies on Arabic subjects (in French)."

Traditionally, the Damascus institute has printed its publications in Beirut or France. It recently purchased press equipment in England so that it can begin printing scientific Arabic texts in European languages in

Damascus. "Our third service is to support scholars," Mr. Bianquis said. "This year the Institute is supporting five French and two Syrian scholars. We finance their research for three years in Syria -- this includes lodging, the use of our library, photo lab and photocopy machines. We ask nothing in return except that they publish."

This year's group in Damascus includes: Jerome Lentini, who is working on a dissertation on the Arabic language; Elizabeth Longuenesse, an Arabist-sociologist who is writing a history of the Syrian textile industry; and Ann Marie Eddy who is working on 12th-13th century buildings of Aleppo.

French students in Aleppo are Jean Claude David who is working with the Syrian Department of Museums and Antiquities to pre-

serve and protect ancient quarters of Aleppo, and Marie Therese Debarnot who is working in the mathematics department of Aleppo University on medieval Arabic astronomical calculations to see they were indeed accurate.

Syrian students receiving support from the institute are Sarah Arassi-Khettab who is studying medieval buildings in old Damascus to the end of the Mameluke period, and Claude Salameh, who is working on Islamic theology and philosophy of the Middle Ages.

Each year, the French Institute is responsible for the housing and training of 11 young French Arabists who come to Damascus on nine-month scholarships.

"All these young people have studied Arabic for three to five years in France," Mr. Bianquis said. "They come here to study colloquial Arabic grammar, cal-

igraphy and modern Arabic as heard on the radio and read in newspapers. These students live with Syrian families and receive language instruction at the institute."

The institute also provides lodging to a limited number of scholars. "From October to June, we have only one room for visiting scholars, but in the summer, this number increases, but we accept reservations only with advance notice," he stipulated.

Perhaps dearest to the heart of Mr. Bianquis, who has published 15 articles and two books, is the excavation projects of the French Institute. In 1975, it launched a joint Franco-Syrian dig at Rabia Mayadin, a town on the Euphrates near Iraq, under the permission of the Syrian Department of Museums and Antiquities.

Dr. Kassim Touer is in charge

of the Syrian effort taking place under the modern town of Mayadin, whereas Mr. Bianquis is digging beneath the fortress of Mayadin, five kilometres west of the town.

"We excavate each year from April 10 to May 12. Initially, Dr. Touer excavated for two seasons in the actual village of Mayadin which is above an Abbasid town that was destroyed by an earthquake in the mid-12th century. The inhabitants then built a second city five kilometres west of Euphrates that is dominated by an Ayyubid-Mamluk citadel."

"While Dr. Touer put up with the curiosity of visitors as he dug in the town, we were free of such nuisances in the citadel. However, the Abbasid remains are threatened to be destroyed with

the construction of a building and, last season, worked together in the te-

"Meanwhile, at the foot of the castle-citadel of Mayadin found a mosque, dwellings, pipes. The population exceeded the 15,000 people in Mayadin today, a clear the irrigation system 12th century was super-

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MOSCOW -- The far-eastern river Zeya is not large, but it contains a great amount of energy, as its waters fall down towards the Amur river. During high water in spring and after heavy rains the river used to flood near-by fields, causing damage to agricultural lands. It was decided to curb the river's temper and to make it work for the national economy. A few years ago the first detachment of builders came there to begin the construction of the first major hydroelectric power station.

A view of the Zeya power station

in the Soviet Far East, in an area with extremely difficult climatic conditions. In November of 1975 the first 215-thousand-kilowatt unit was put in operation ahead of schedule. One year later another unit began operating, also before the planned date. Now five units have been installed and are yielding power. So-called diagonal-type hydroturbines are used at the station. The new turbines have greater efficiency and operate

cheap electricity from the Zeya power station is supplied to the construction sites of the Baikal-Amur Main, and to towns and agricultural areas. On completion of the last, the sixth generator, the station will reach the planned capacity and will yield some 5,000 million kilowatt-hours of electricity. A comfortable settlement called "Svetly", where people can

Electric equipment adjusters check the results of a generator test at the Zeya power station.

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